

**CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES (CDSS) AND  
TRIBAL TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES (TANF)  
ADMINISTRATORS MEETING**

**SUMMARY**

**October 11, 2011  
744 P Street, OB9-Room 205  
Sacramento, CA  
9:00 am – 12:00 pm**

This document summarizes the key issues discussed at the meeting between Tribal TANF Administrators (TTA) and leaders and CDSS representatives on October 11, 2011.

A summary of the last TTA meeting on June 21, 2011 was reviewed and approved as written.

**ANNOUNCING RETIREMENT**

Branch Chief Kären Dickerson announced the pending retirement of Deputy Director Charr Lee Metsker and also that of Hal Freeman of the Tribal TANF Unit. Both take effect in November.

**STATUS OF THE BUDGET AND TANF REAUTHORIZATION**

Deputy Director Metsker explained that as the state is still dealing with a growing deficit, and not much has changed, certain cuts will be triggered after the end of the year should the projected revenue not meet expectation. Neither CalWORKs nor Tribal TANF will be affected by the triggers.

AB 6 signed into law changes the CalWORKs and CalFresh reporting requirement from quarterly to semi-annually, and eliminates the fingerprinting requirement for CalFresh recipients. It takes effect January 1, 2012.

AB 69 was approved for senior outreach for participation in CalFresh to those receiving Social Security benefits. AB 959 provides for restoration of benefits to discontinued participants within 30 days of termination from CalFresh benefits if the individual has good cause. SB 72 reduced the eligible months for TANF from 60 months to 48 months and made other major program changes, effective July 2011.

Deputy Director Metsker reported that TANF reauthorization is in effect through a vote of Congress on a three month extension. To view the TANF reauthorization three month extension, copy and paste the following link into your web browser:

<http://www.govtrack.us/congress/bill.xpd?bill=h112-2943>

**UPDATES AND DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- **WELFARE DATA TRACKING IMPLEMENTATION PROJECT (WDTIP)**

WDTIP assists Tribal TANF Programs to gather time on aid information to aid in initial eligibility determination. The letter of instruction to begin implementation, previously sent to all the programs, was reviewed at the meeting by Hal Freeman. Procedures for

access to WDTIP information through the Office of Systems Integration (OSI) by TTPs may occur as soon as a TTP access coordinators list has been sent to the Tribal TANF Unit and has been approved by OSI.

- **MEDSLITE**

MEDSLITE, a web based abbreviated version of the Medi-Cal Eligibility Determination System (MEDS), was discussed. Access to this information for Tribal TANF Programs (TTPs) will help to avoid duplicate aid. A letter of instruction to begin implementation previously sent to all the programs was reviewed. There will be two slots per program available for appointment of individuals as access coordinators. If there is a need for more than two, a request may be made to the Tribal TANF Unit and will be considered on a case by case basis.

### **CHILD SUPPORT**

- **TRIBAL TANF BECOMING A IV-D (CHILD SUPPORT) AGENCY**

Department of Child Support Services, Branch Chief of Statewide Training and Tribal Liaison, George Chance welcomed the Yurok Tribe as the first Tribal TANF program IV-D (Child Support) agency. Meetings are being held with Torres Martinez Tribal TANF to provide read only access to IV-D cases.

- **PATERNITY OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM (POP)**

George Chance discussed the opportunity for Tribal TANF programs to become a POP certified agency in the future. A \$25 fee is charged for all cases that receive child support services. Tribal TANF cases would be exempt from this fee.

### **GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDER**

The Governor issued Executive Order B-10-11 (9/19/11) creating a Tribal Liaison for the Governor's Office. As soon as this appointment is made, it will be posted on the Tribal TANF website.

### **REVIEW OF AUDIT ON TANF VULNERABILITY FOR FRAUD, WASTE AND ABUSE**

An audit by the Government Accountability Office (GAO) mainly focused on progress when specifically addressing Tribal TANF areas. A Work Participation Rate (WPR) data report to Administration of Children and Families (ACF) found that California has large numbers of partial work participation by TANF recipients and only a very small percentage is not participating at all.

### **TIME CLOCK ACCURACY**

Examination of time clock accuracy questions is still a work in progress.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Glenn Basconcillo will resolve an issue re: Fresno County/vendor (ACL 09-79).

**2012 MEETING SCHEDULE**

February 14, 2012 9 am – 12 noon

June 12, 2012 9 am – 12 noon

October 9, 2012 9 am – 12 noon

**NEXT TRIBAL TANF ADMINISTRATORS MEETING:**

February 14, 2012 9 am – 12 noon

**ATTACHMENTS**

- Sign-in Sheet